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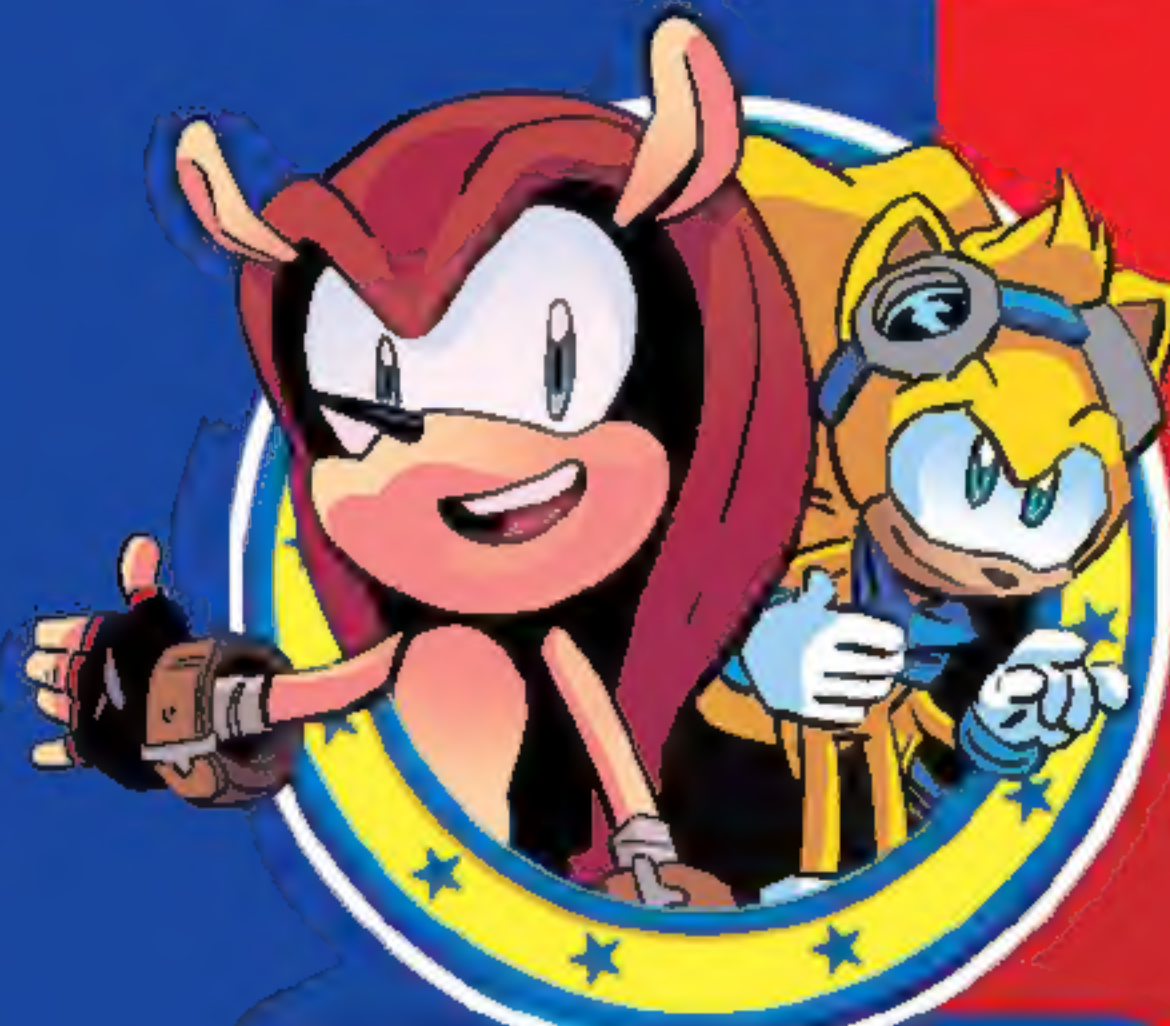
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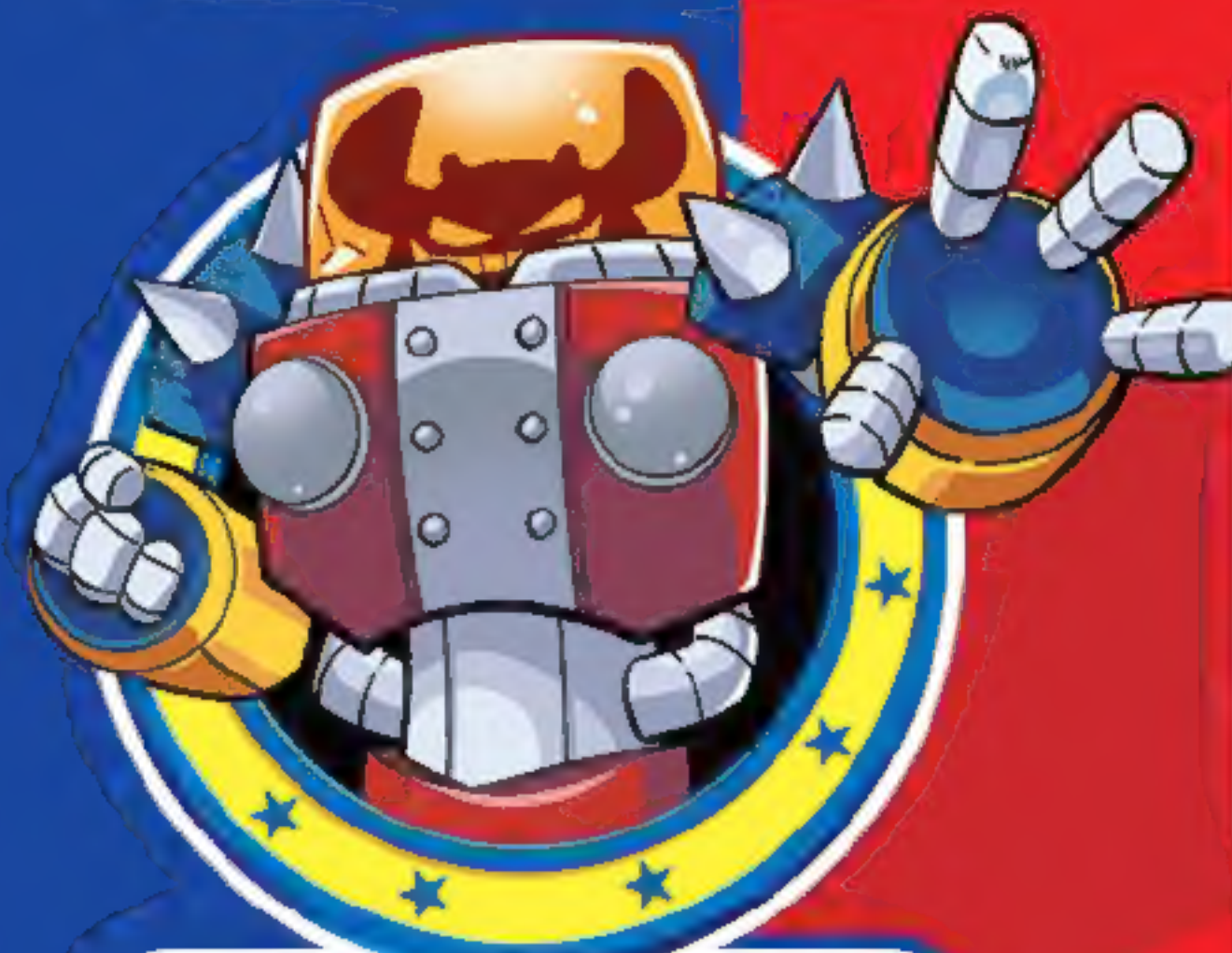
**SONIC
THE WEREHOG**
THE BLUE BLUR UNLEASHED



SALLY ACORN
PRINCESS & TACTICIAN
AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING HEROINE



MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
GENTLE TITAN
RAY THE FLYING SQUIRREL
YOUNG FLYER



THUNDERBOLT
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PREVIOUSLY...

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The Shattered World Crisis is upon us! It would be dangerous enough with the planet's crust broken and free-floating, but from the depths of the globe a dark essence has been seeping out. People grow angry, depressed, and lose their inhibitions. Even worse, monsters appear every night to attack!



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As Sonic watched his friends fall to Thunderbolt's fiendish trap, he lost all composure, and something else was unleashed...

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ZONE, SOLMERCA...

SALLY ACORN
TACTICIAN

MIGHTY THE
ARMADILLO
SUPER STRONG

ARRRRRR
OOOOOOO!

SONIC THE...
WEREHOG?
THAT'S NEW!

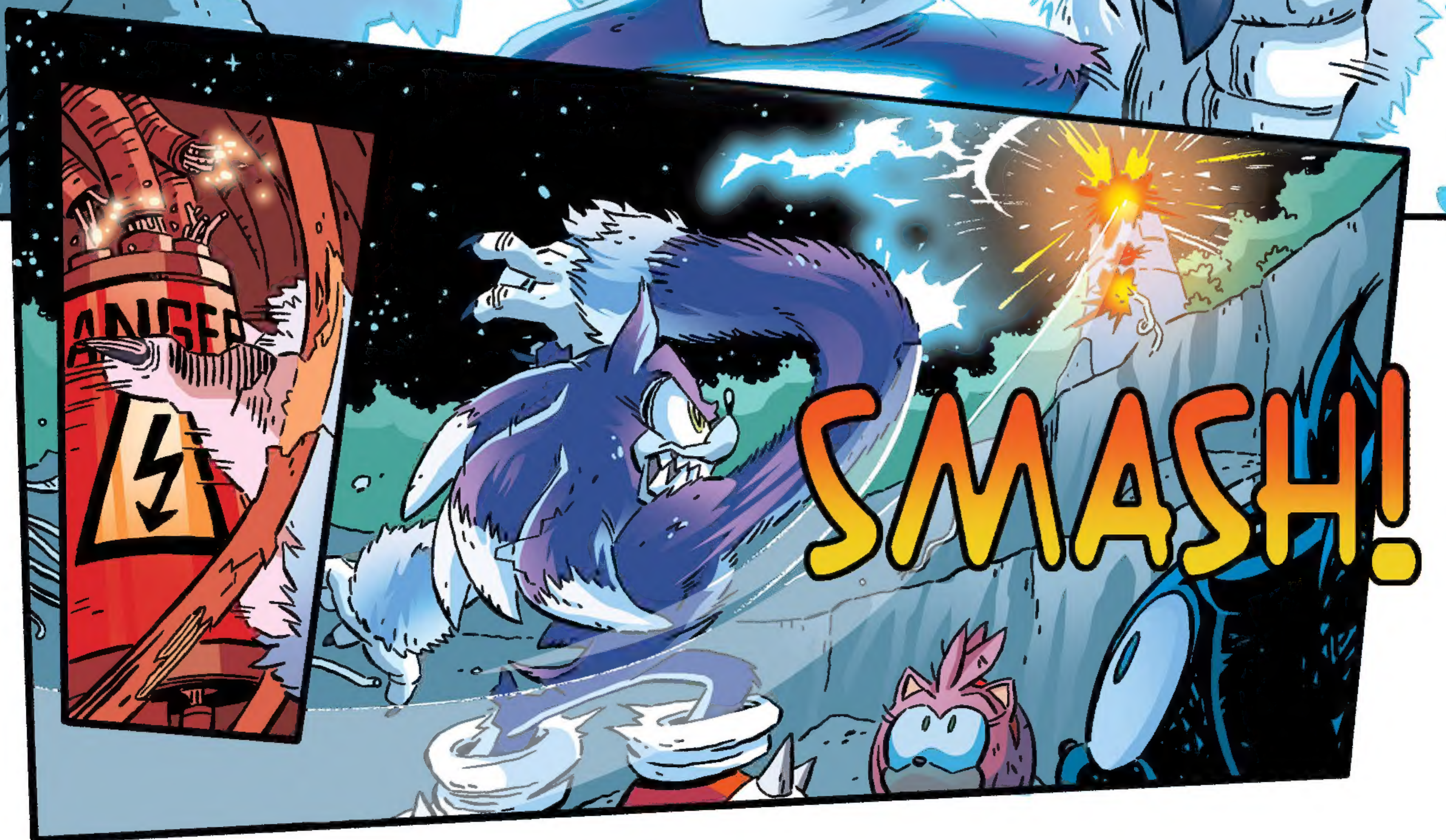
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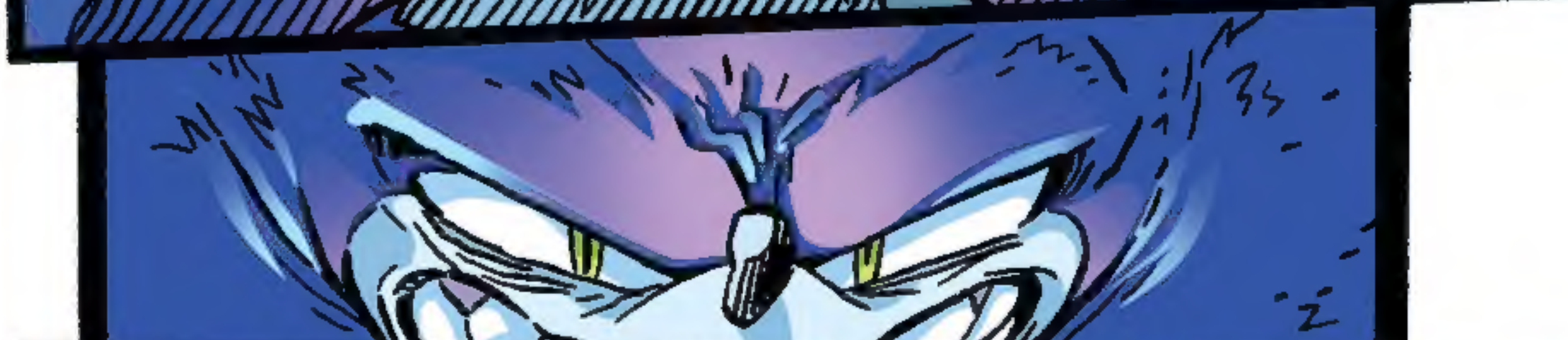
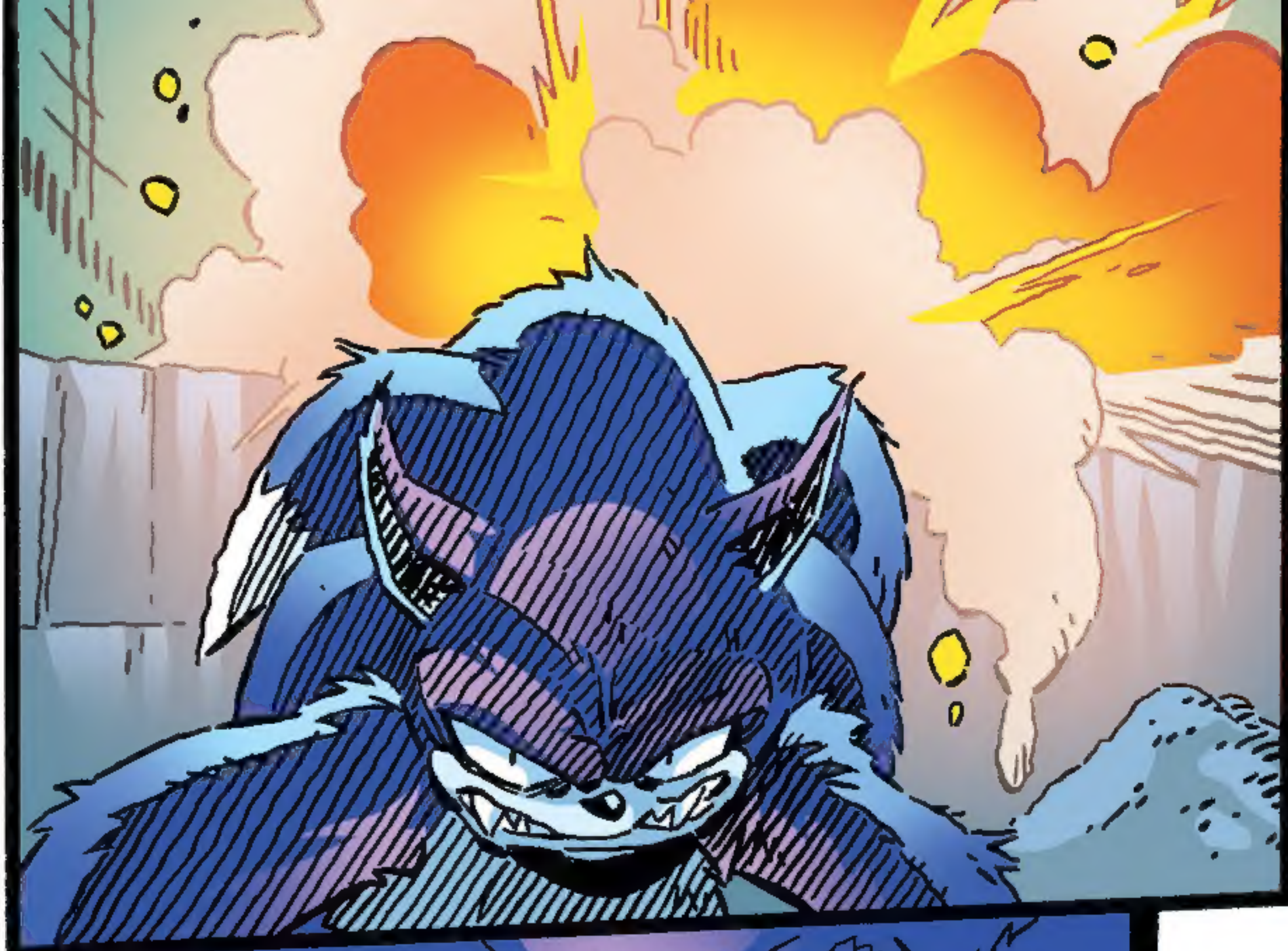


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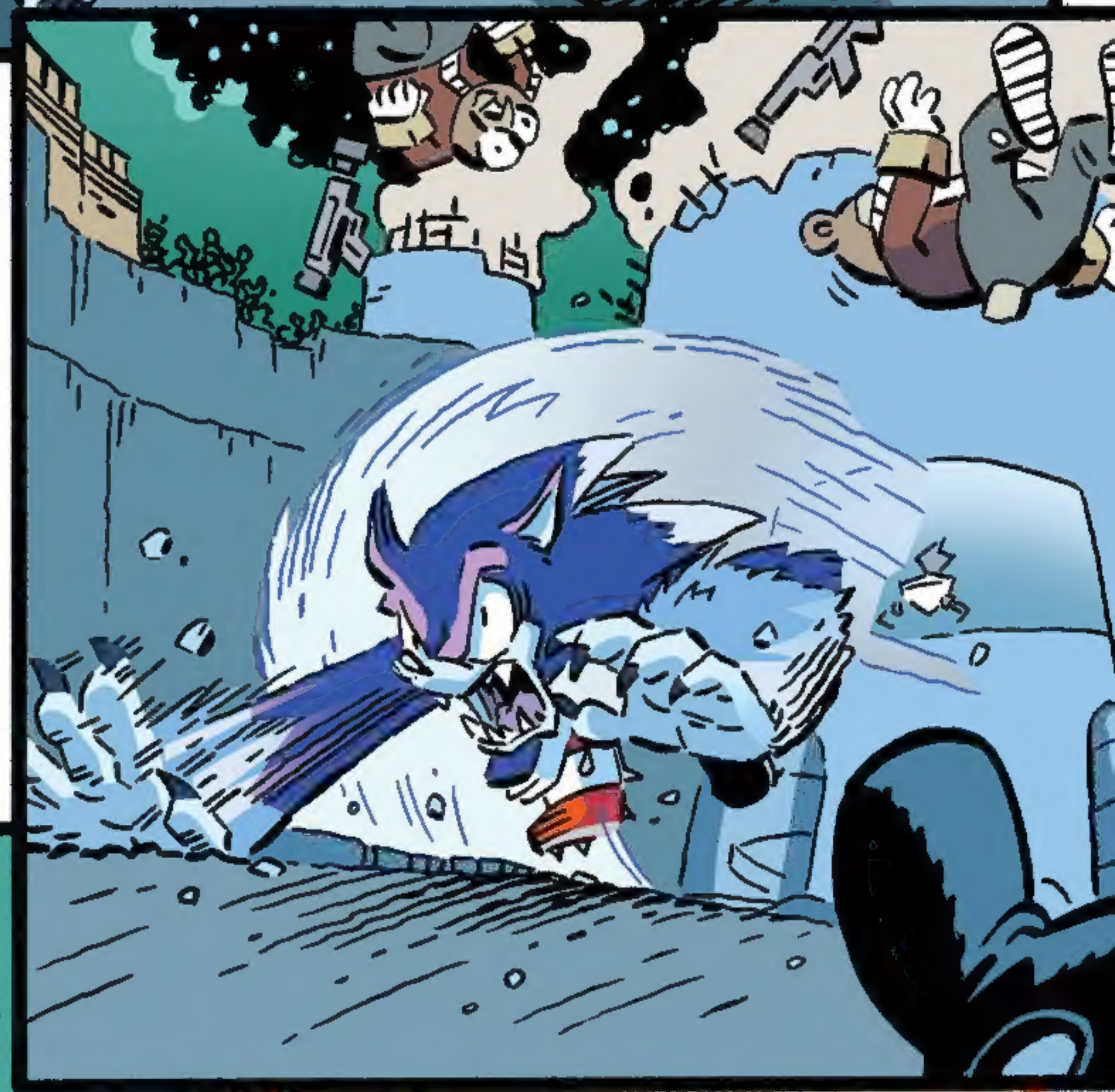
SINCE
WHEN COULD
HE--?

⇒AHEM!⇐
WELL? WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR?

ATTACK!



I SAID
ATTACK!



FINE,
THEN! COME
AT ME, YOU
SNARLING--!

CRASH!

thud!

whump!

splat!

Y-YOU SAVAGE!
Y-YOU'LL P-PAY FOR
THIS HUMILIATION!
I'LL--!

RAAARGH!

AAAAAAH!

MY POOR SONIC! WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO HIM?!

IT HAS TO BE A REACTION
TO HIS EXPOSURE TO THE
DARK GAIA ENERGY.* TO
THINK HE'S BEEN ENDURING
THE POISONING FOR SO
LONG...

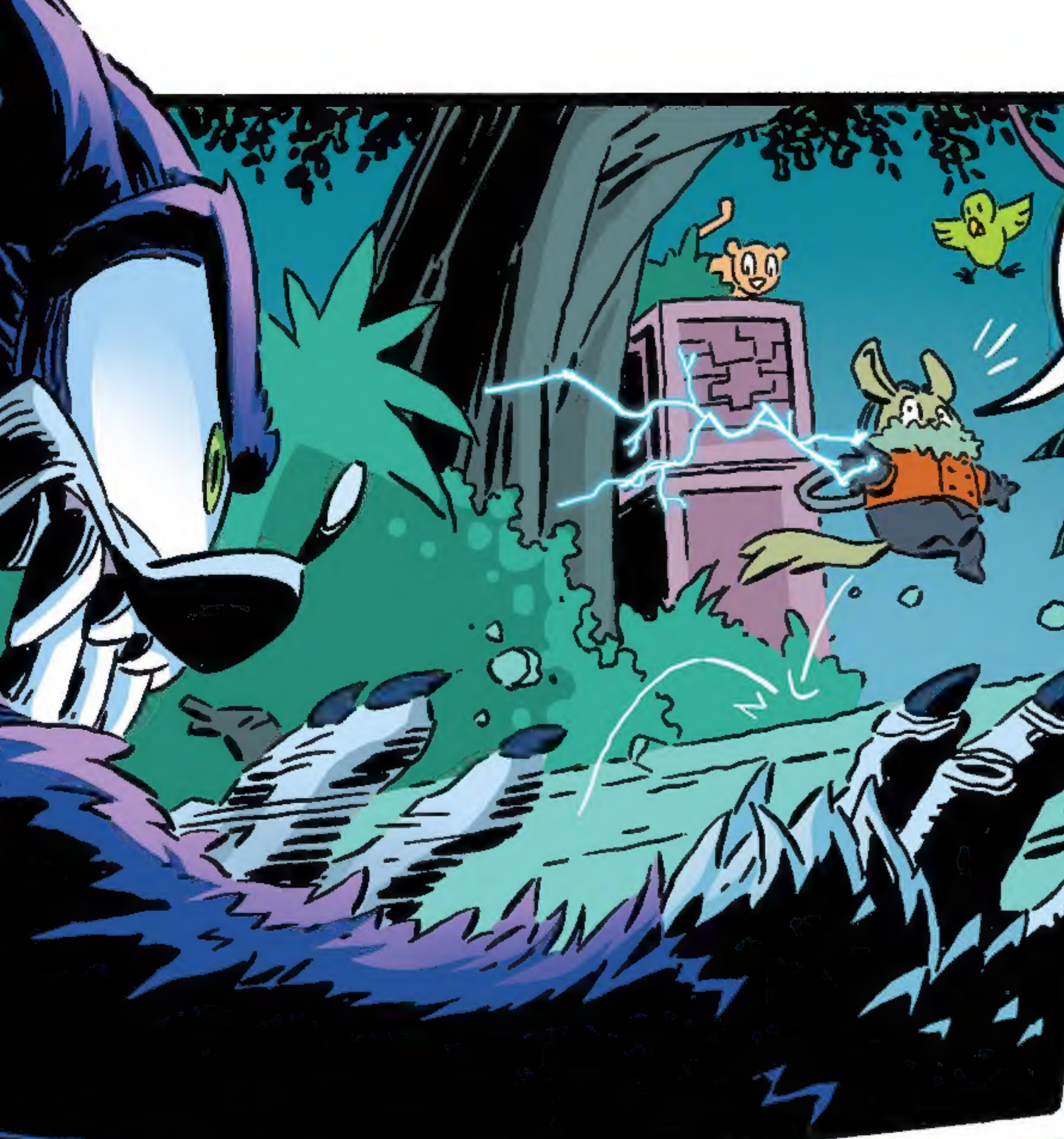
WE HAVE TO STOP
HIM! HELP HIM!

OF COURSE,
BUT...HOW?

YOU GUYS
GET THE CHAOS
EMERALD.

I'LL
HANDLE
SONIC.

*STH #254.



GET AWAY FROM ME!

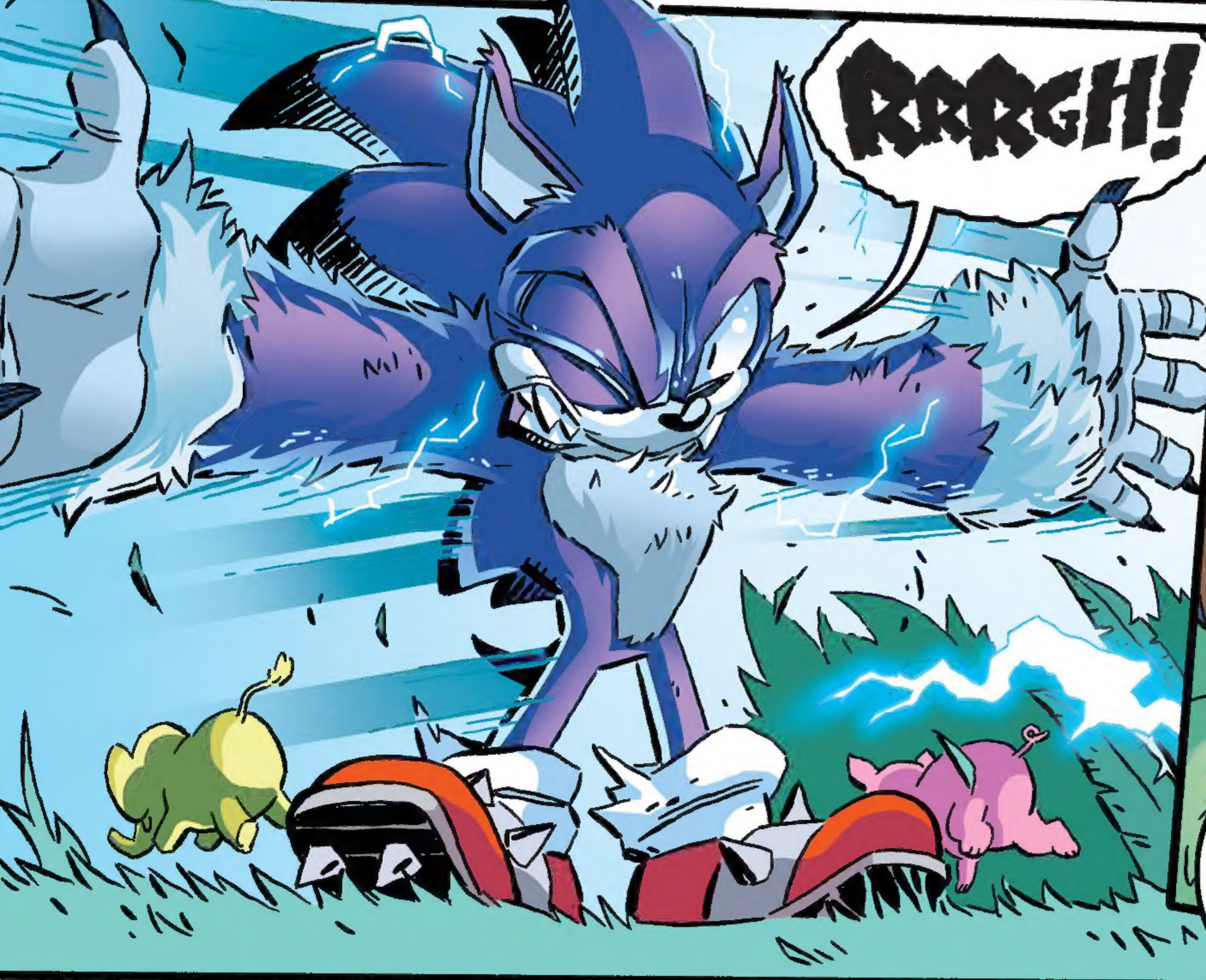
SHUNK!



YOU WILL--

--BACK OFF!

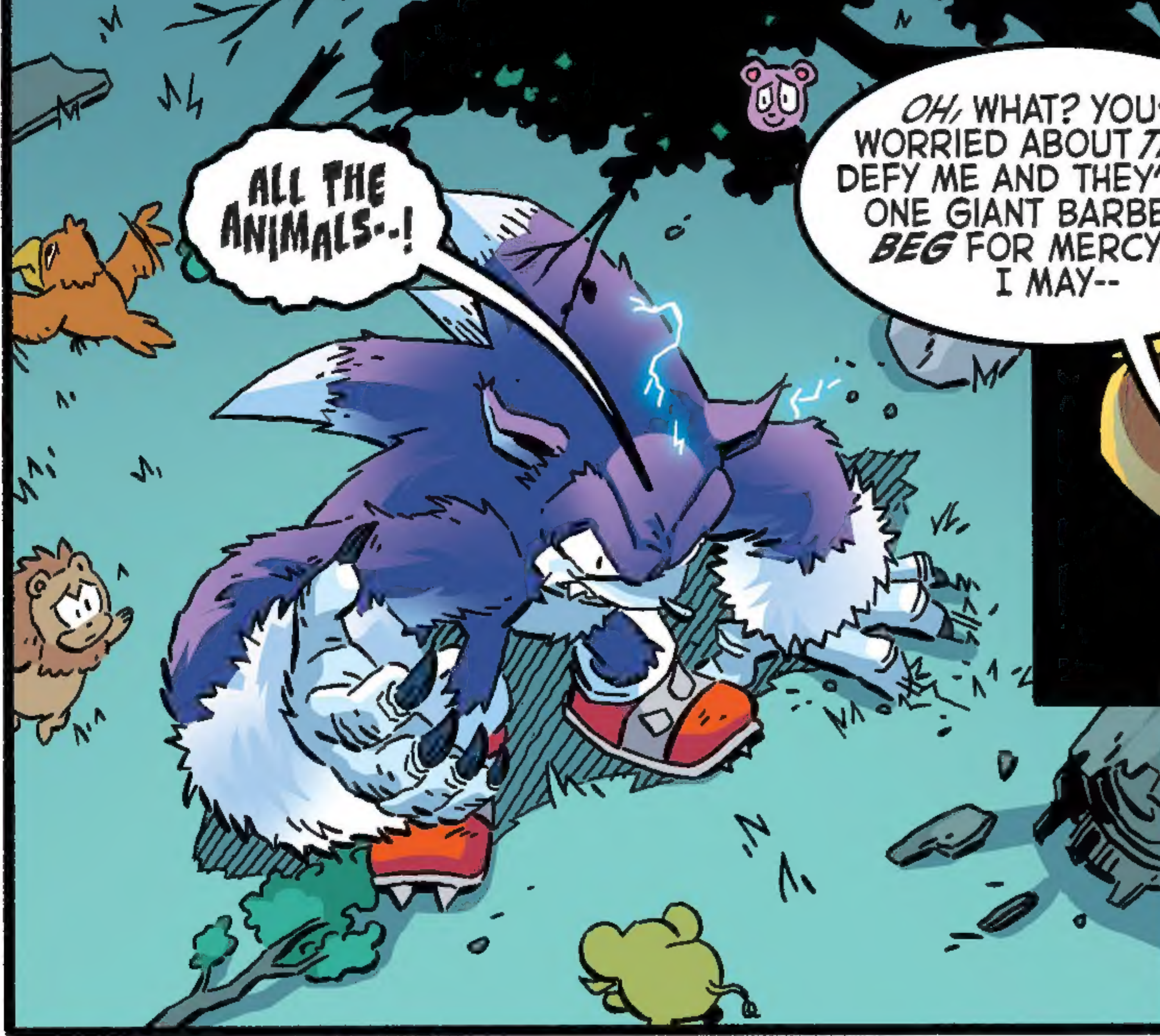
KRA-KOOW



RARGH!

THAT'S RIGHT, BRUTE!

I HAVE MORE POWER IN MY LITTLE FINGER THAN YOU HAVE IN YOUR ENTIRE--!

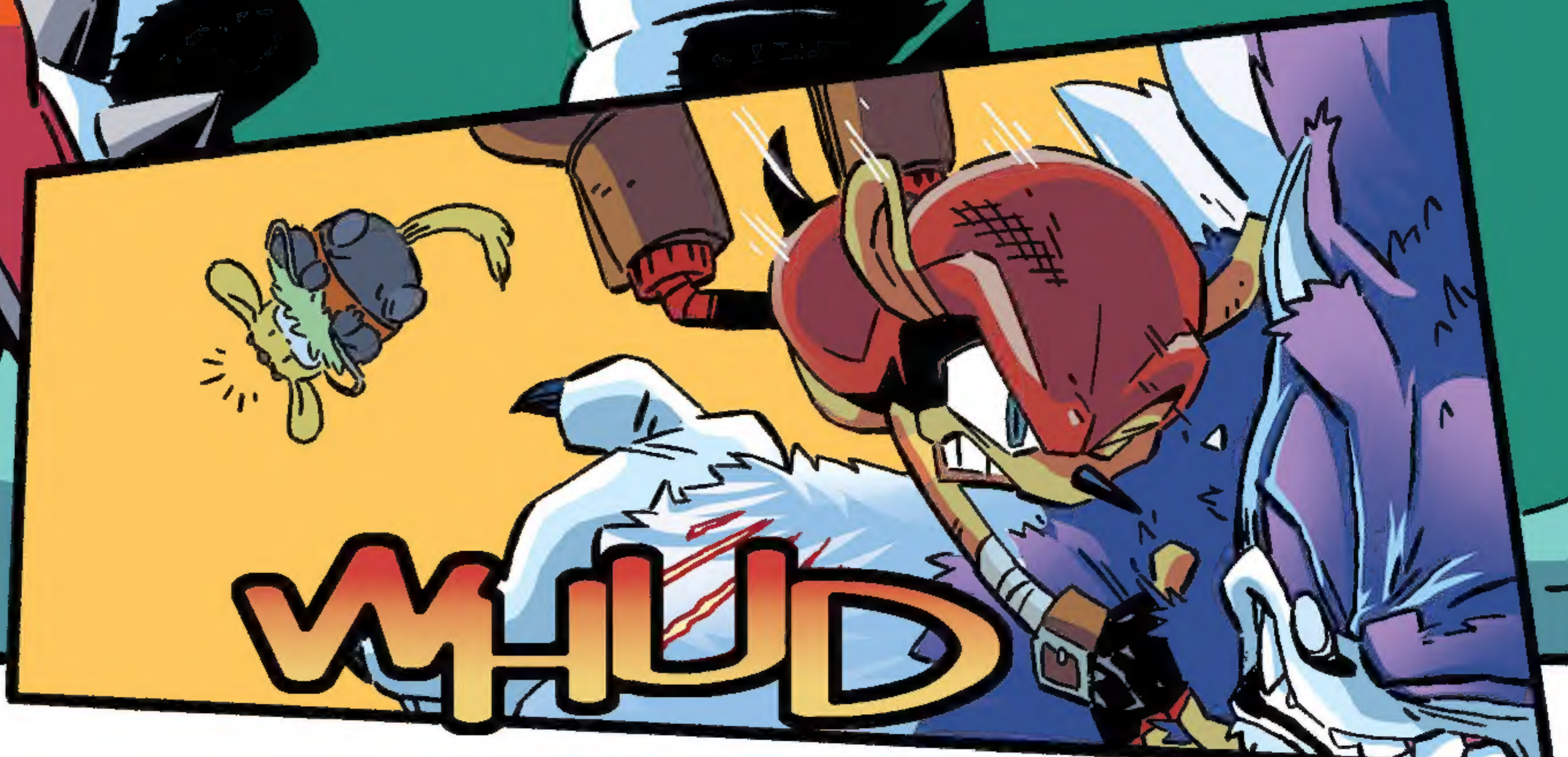


OH, WHAT? YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEM? DEFY ME AND THEY'RE ALL ONE GIANT BARBECUE! *BEG* FOR MERCY, AND I MAY--



RAAARGH!

SHING!



WHUD



SONIC,
LISTEN TO ME.
THIS ISN'T
YOU.

YOU
DON'T DO
THIS.

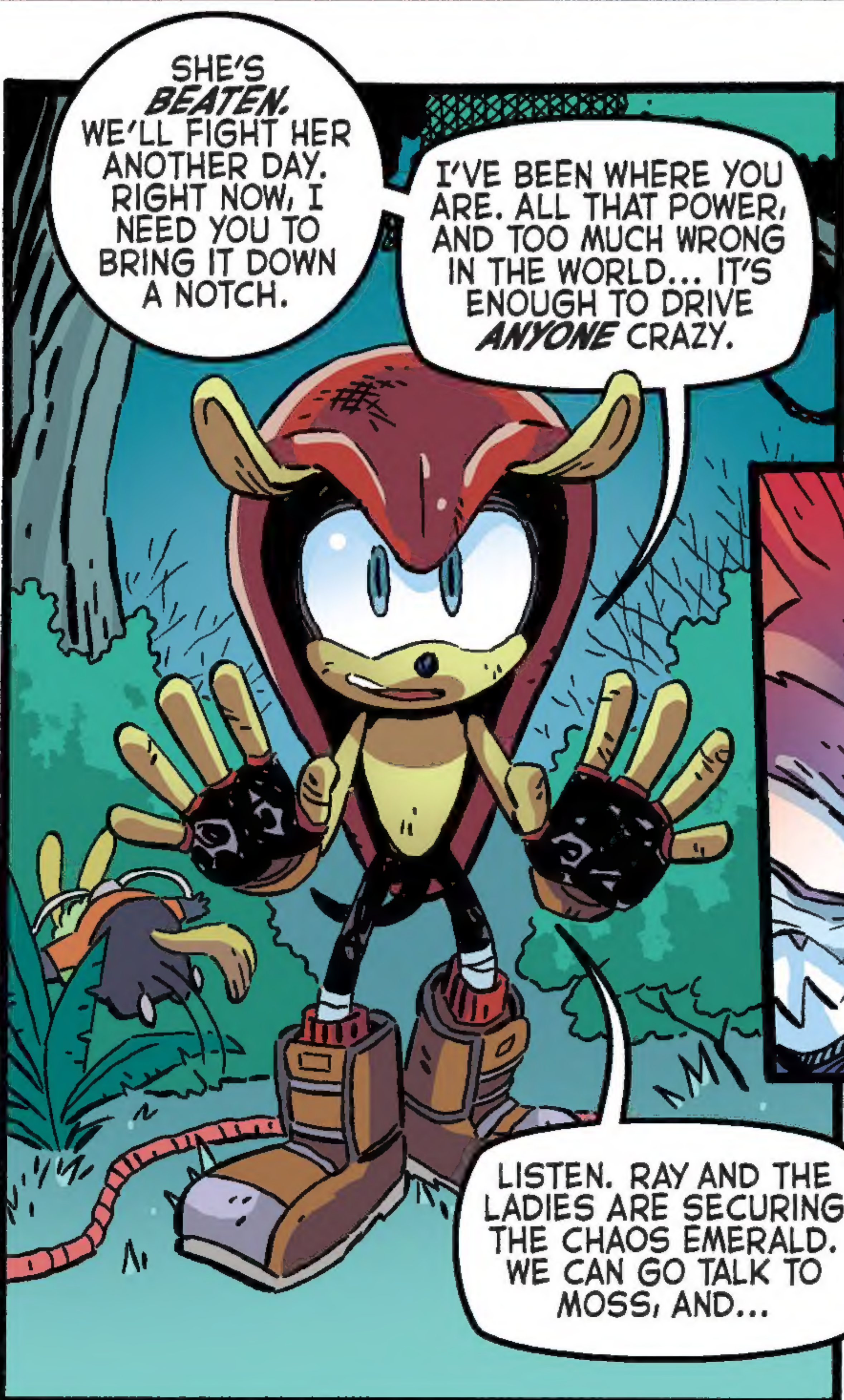


YES, SHE
TRIED TO KILL
US ALL. THAT'S
UNFORGIVABLE.

BUT
YOU SAVED
US. YOU
STOPPED
HER.



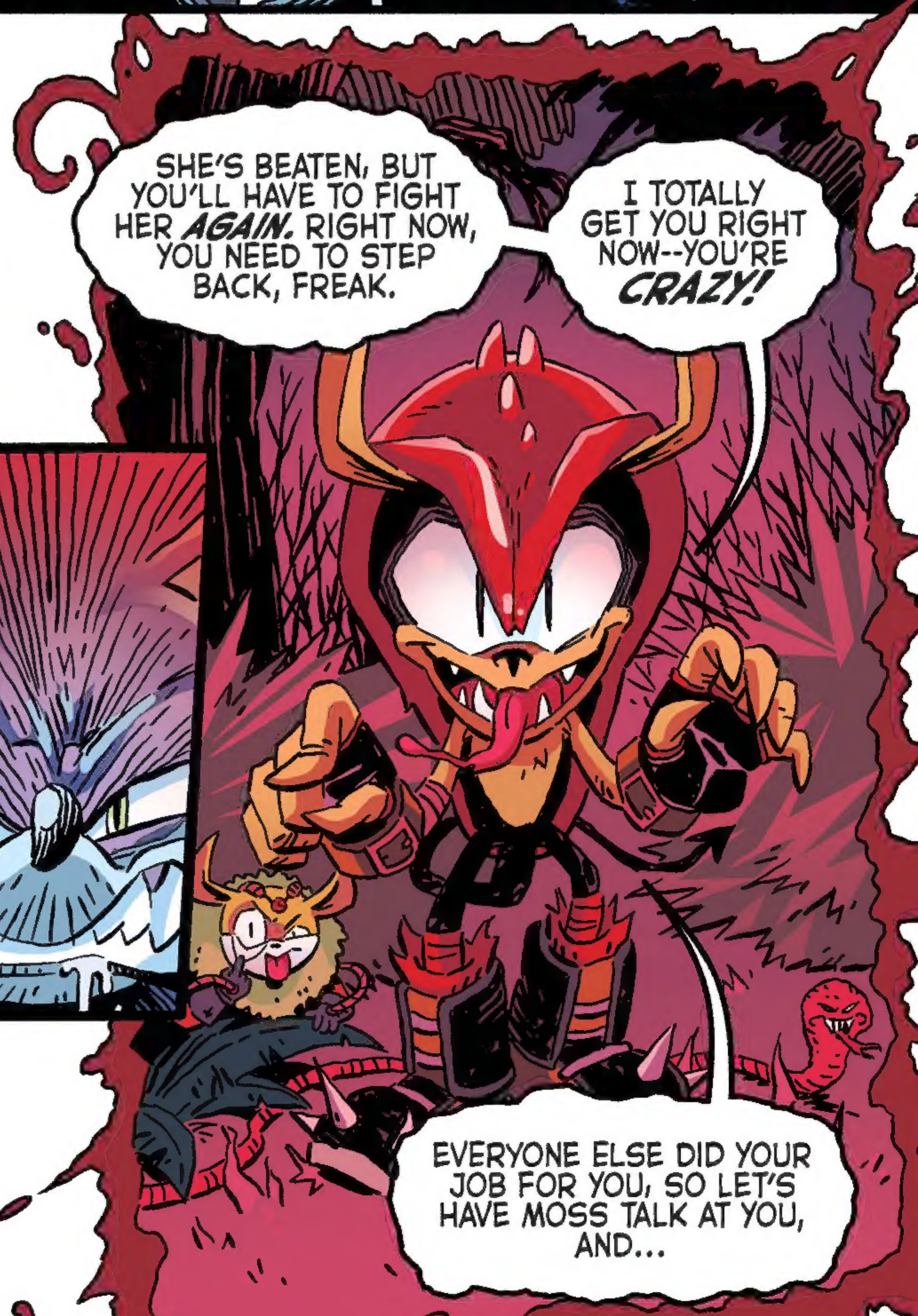
**SHE'S
GETTING
AWAY!**



SHE'S
BEATEN.
WE'LL FIGHT HER
ANOTHER DAY.
RIGHT NOW, I
NEED YOU TO
BRING IT DOWN
A NOTCH.

I'VE BEEN WHERE YOU
ARE. ALL THAT POWER,
AND TOO MUCH WRONG
IN THE WORLD... IT'S
ENOUGH TO DRIVE
ANYONE CRAZY.

LISTEN. RAY AND THE
LADIES ARE SECURING
THE CHAOS EMERALD.
WE CAN GO TALK TO
MOSS, AND...



SHE'S BEATEN, BUT
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT
HER **AGAIN.** RIGHT NOW,
YOU NEED TO STEP
BACK, FREAK.

I TOTALLY
GET YOU RIGHT
NOW--YOU'RE
CRAZY!

EVERYONE ELSE DID YOUR
JOB FOR YOU, SO LET'S
HAVE MOSS TALK AT YOU,
AND...

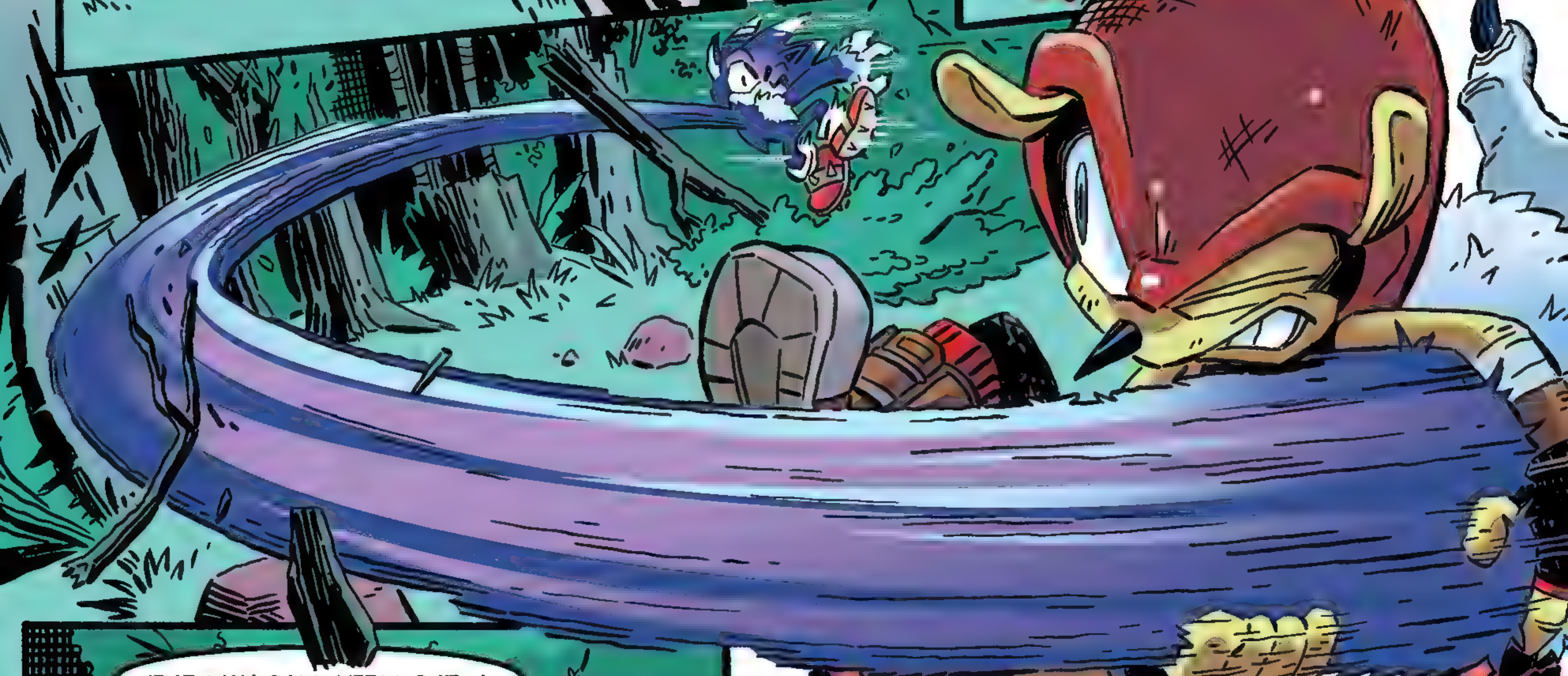
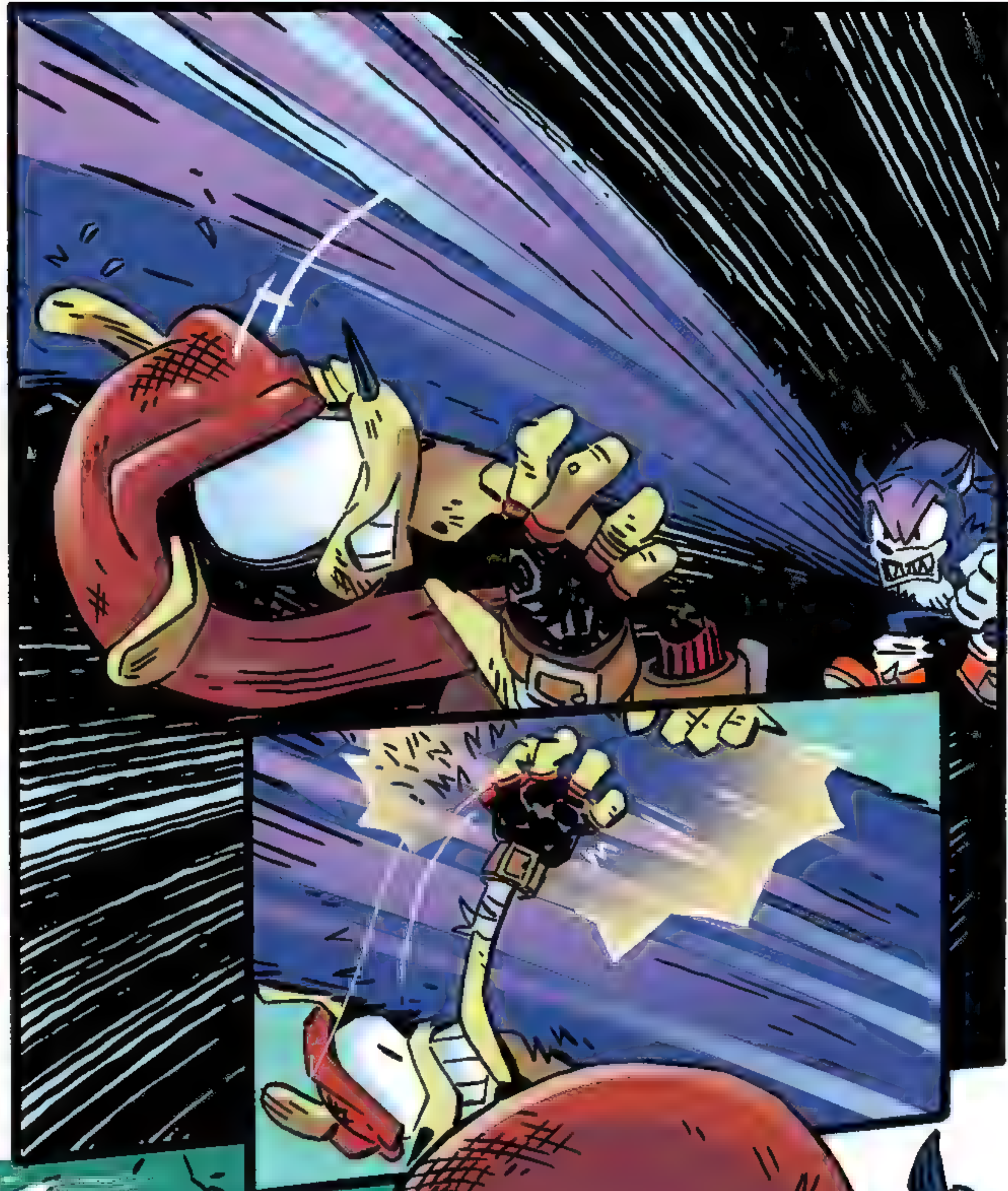
YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS?!

I MEANT --!

LISTEN! CONTROL THE RAGE, OR IT CONTROLS Y--EURGH!

SMASH

MEASURED BREATHS, MIGHTY. HE'S YOUR FRIEND. HE NEEDS HELP.



THE WAY SALLY TELLS IT, A LESSER MAN WOULD'VE BEEN FULLY CORRUPTED BY NOW. BUT I *KNOW* YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THIS.

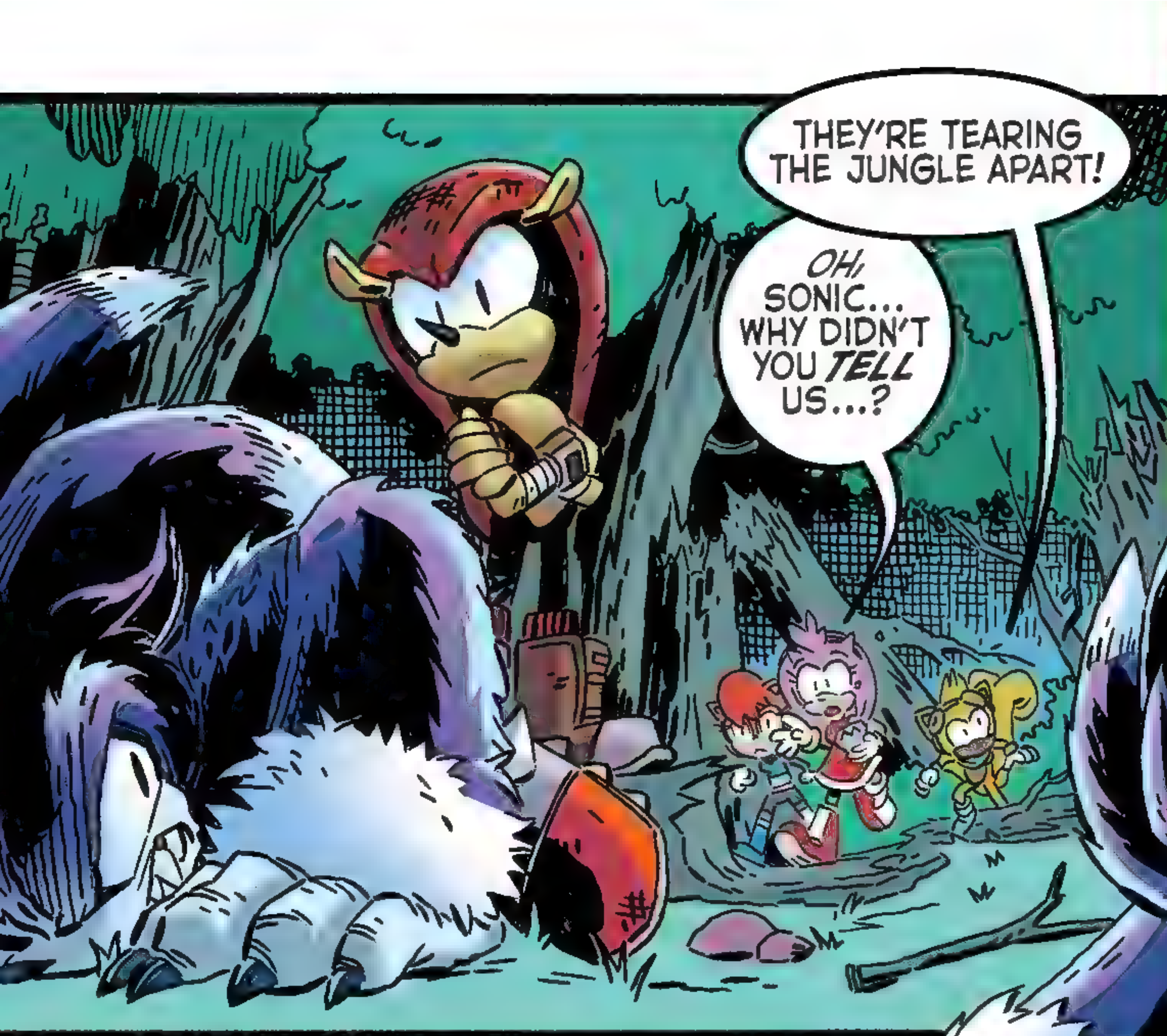
FIGHT THE URGE. STAY DOWN.



SALLY SAYS YOU'RE A LESSER MAN. *CORRUPTED*. I KNOW YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT ME.

STAY DOWN.





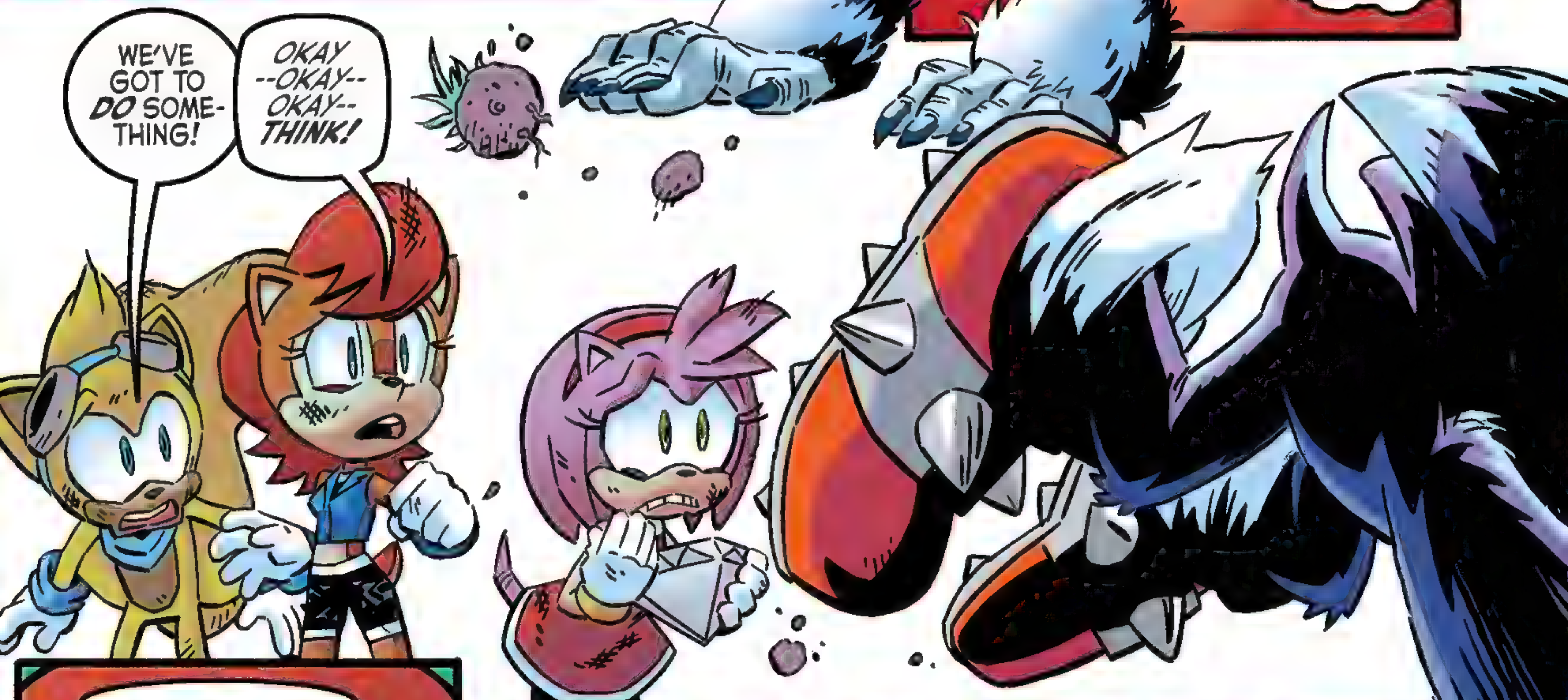
THEY'RE TEARING THE JUNGLE APART!

OH, SONIC... WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US...?



THERE'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF--GRRK!

I'M NOT ASHAMED OF ANYTHING!



WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

OKAY --OKAY-- OKAY--THINK!



SONIC ALWAYS DOES WHAT HE THINKS IS *RIGHT*.

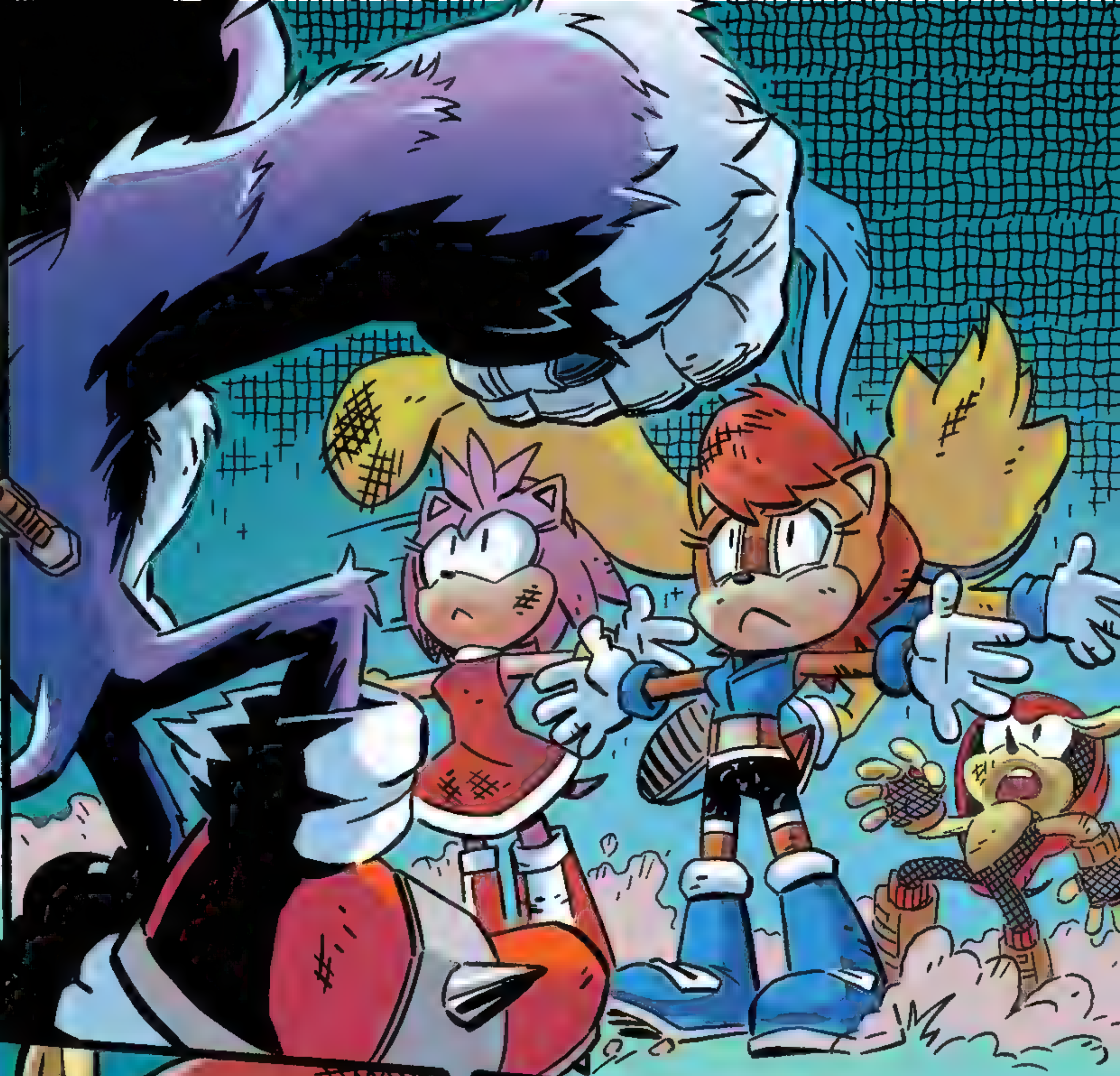
THE INFECTION MUST BE CORRUPTING HIS PERCEPTION.

HE *THINKS* MIGHTY IS IN THE WRONG.

SO WE'D NEED TO...



RAY, STOP MIGHTY. AMY, FOLLOW MY LEAD!

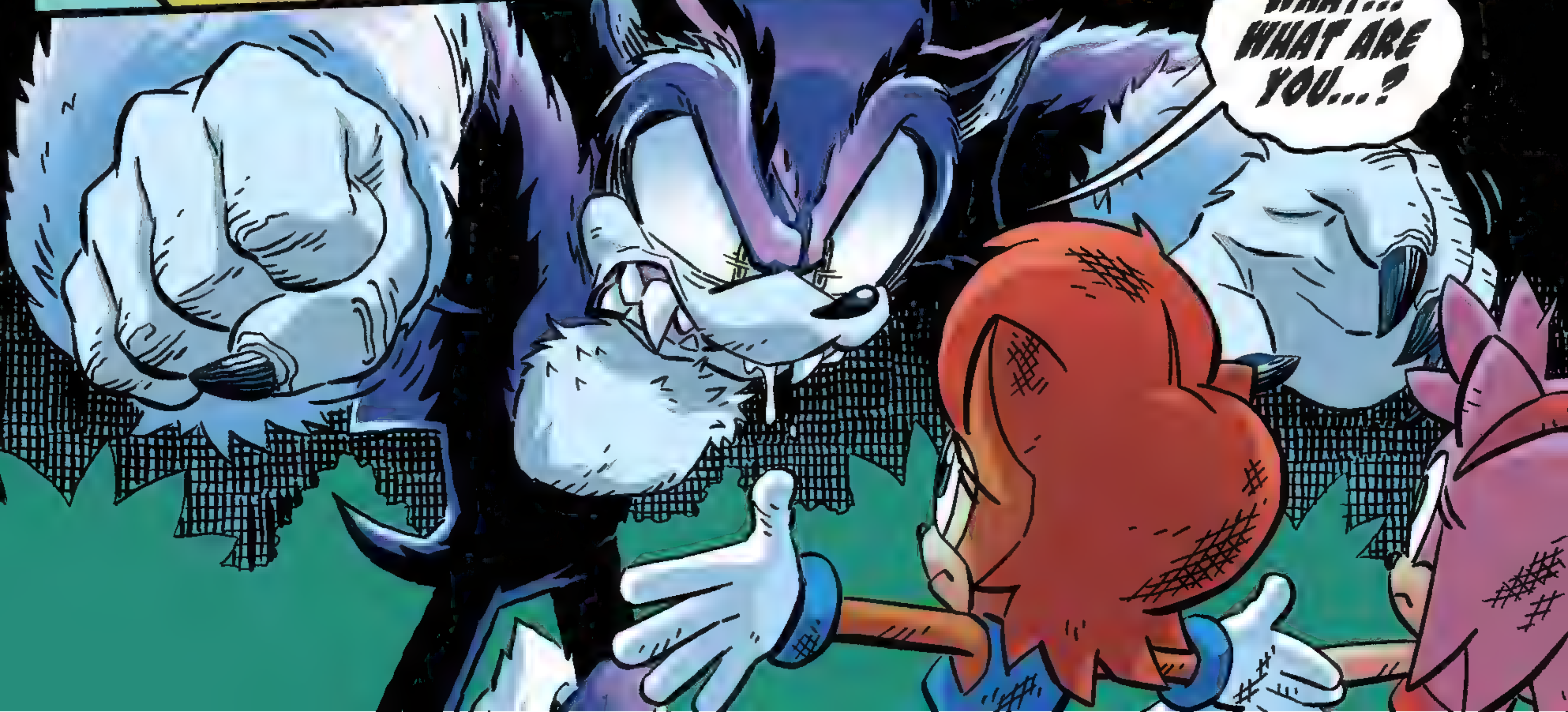


RAY--*MOVE!* I NEED TO STOP HIM BEFORE--!

YOU *DID* STOP HIM! HE HASN'T MOVED FROM THIS SPOT!



AND NOW SALLY HAS A PLAN... I THINK...



WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU...?



YOU *CAN'T* HURT HIM. EVERYBODY KNOWS IT.

YOU *DON'T* WANT TO HURT HIM. I KNOW IT.

STOP RUNNING FROM ME! I LOOOOVE YOU!

PLEASE STOP! *WE* LOVE YOU!



YOU'LL DO WHAT'S RIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT. I KNOW THAT. I *RESPECT* THAT.

JUST *PLEASE* TAKE A SECOND TO ASK YOURSELF IF THIS *IS* RIGHT!



WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU'D DRIVE OUT DR. EGGMAN AND RESCUE MY FATHER ON YOUR OWN, I THOUGHT YOU WERE CRAZY.

BUT YOU DID IT. YOU *WON*.

YOU STOOD UP TO PERFECT CHAOS WHEN WE THOUGHT ALL HOPE WAS LOST!

YOU SAVED US BY YOUR SHEER, POSITIVE WILLPOWER!

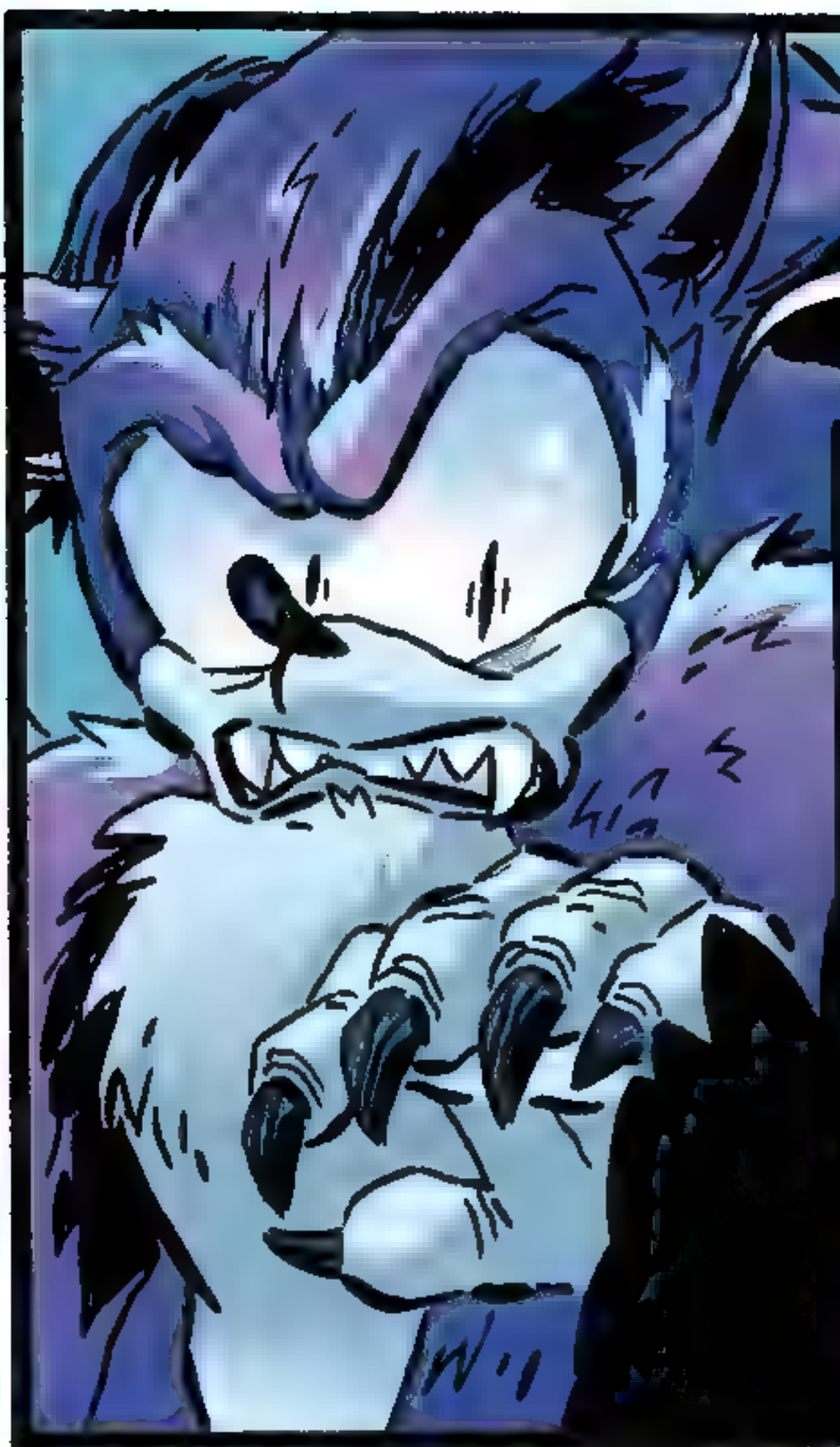


YOU'RE OUR INSPIRATION!

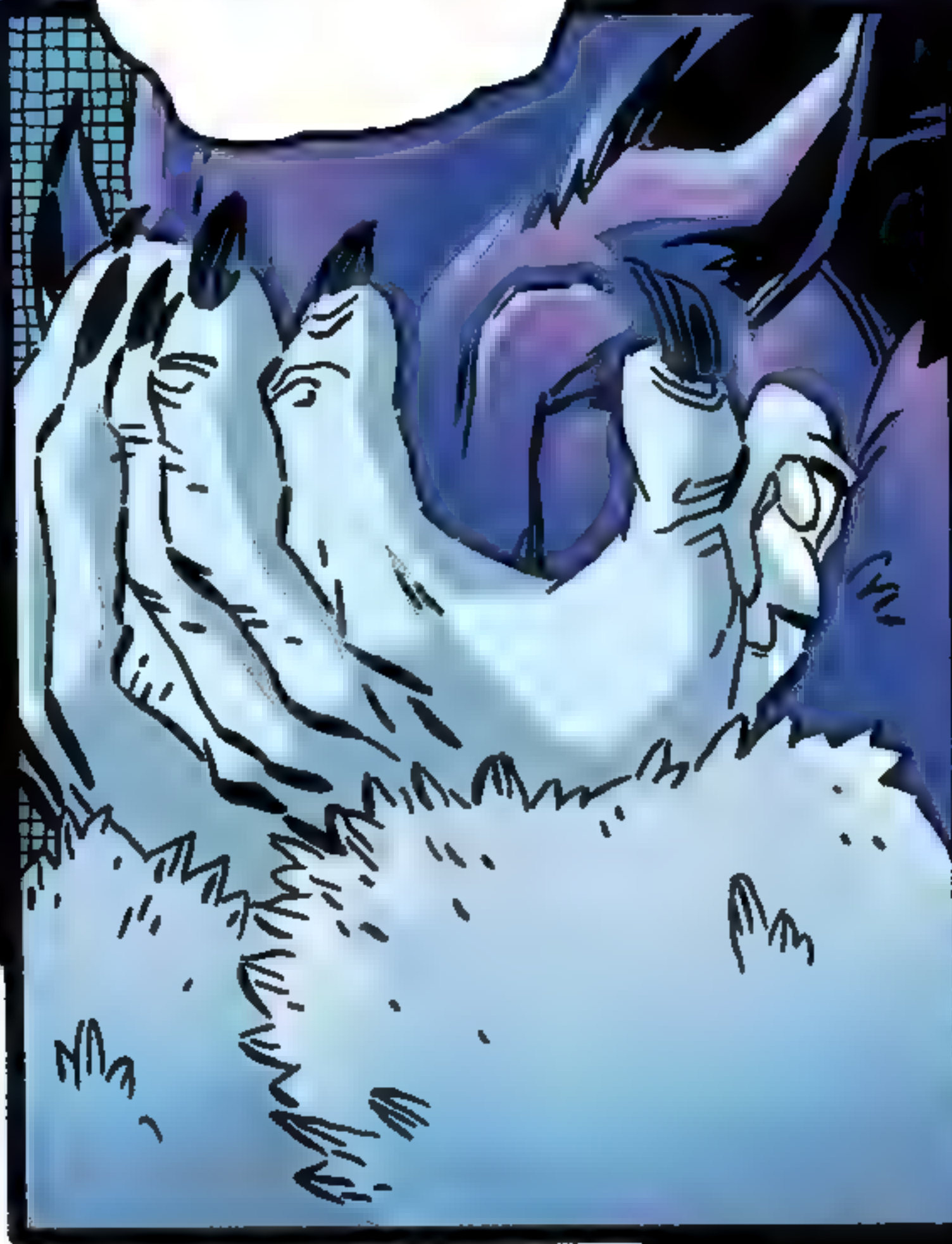
WE BELIEVE IN YOU, BLUE.

PLEASE! SHOW THAT WILLPOWER AGAIN!

OR...FIGHT THE VERY FRIENDS YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTECT. IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

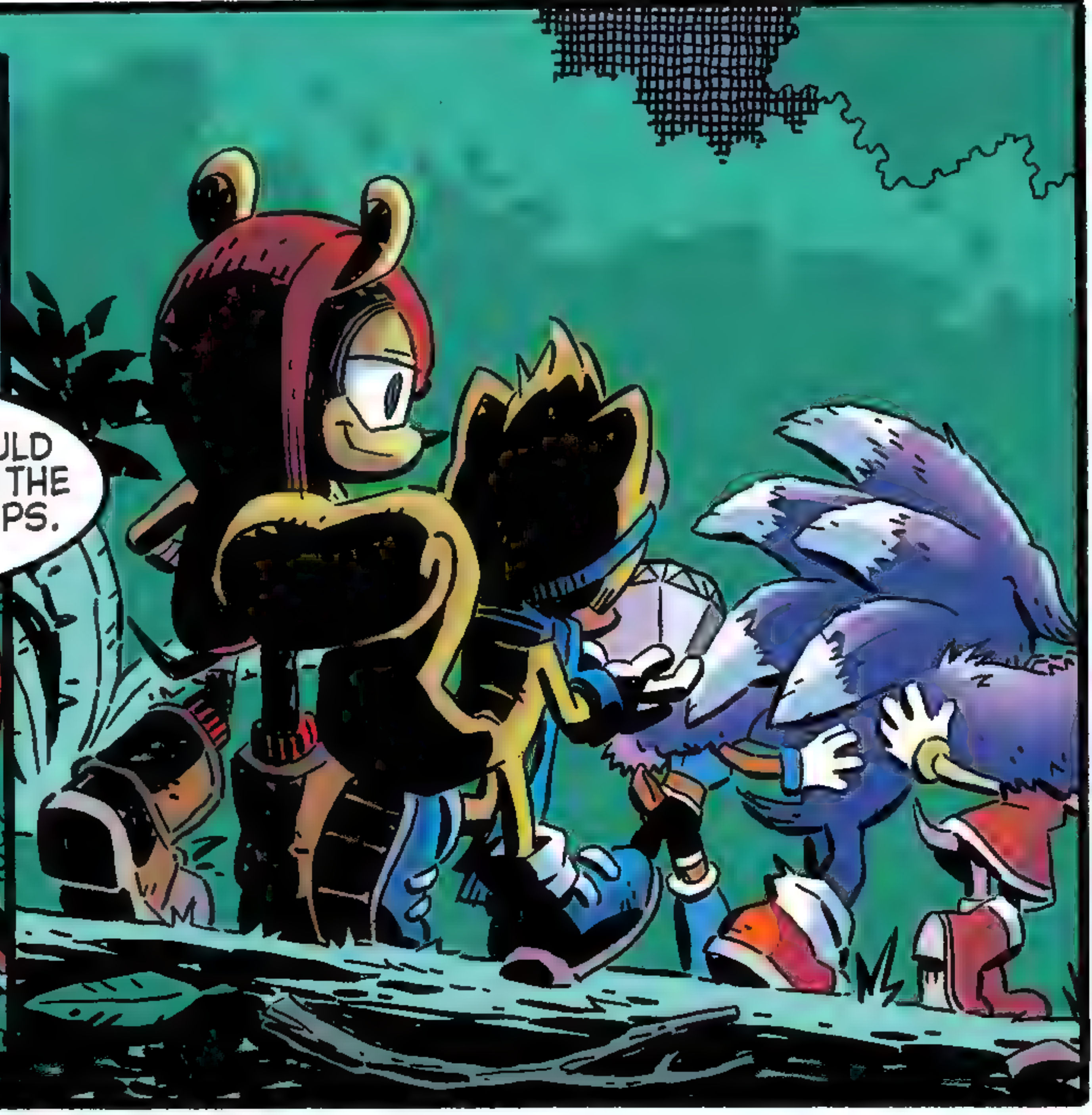
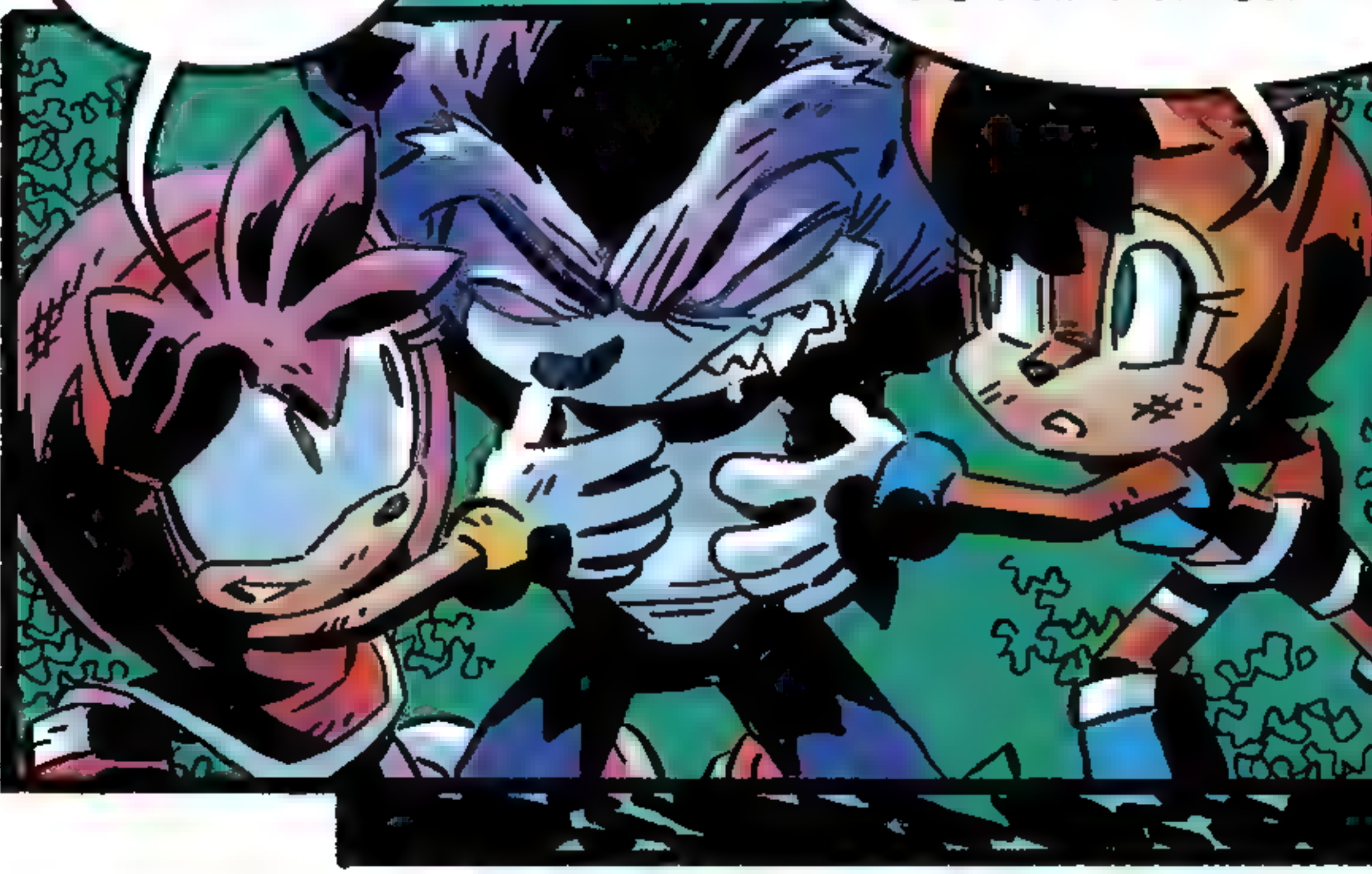


I WAS TRYING TO... BUT I WANTED...



THERE'S MY SONIC!

COME ON--WE SHOULD GET GOING BEFORE THE EGG ARMY REGROUPS.



LATER, AT MOSS'S HOME...

...AND I COULD HEAR MIGHTY, BUT...

...EVERYTHING CAME ACROSS WRONG. LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO TICK ME OFF...

MOSS THE SLOTH
THE SAGE
SAGE

UNCLE CHUCK TOLD YOU TO SEE A DOCTOR!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SORRY! I THOUGHT I HAD IT UNDER CONTROL...

...BUT I DIDN'T. THANKS FOR KEEPING ME IN CHECK, BIG MAN.

I SLOWED YOU DOWN, THAT'S ALL. YOU TOOK CONTROL OF YOURSELF. YOU KEPT YOUR INNER SELF UNCORRUPTED.

YOU SOUND LIKE MOSS. THAT'S WEIRD COMING FROM YOU.

HE HAS TAKEN MY LESSONS TO HEART. HERE IS ANOTHER: NEW DAYS...

...BRING NEW BEGINNINGS.

SONIC?!

≧GASP≦
YOU'RE BACK TO
NORMAL!

I...
GUESS
?

THANK GOODNESS.
WE'LL GET YOU AND THE
CHAOS EMERALD BACK TO
SKY PATROL, AND THEN WE'LL
START FIGURING OUT...

...NO.

WHATEVER
HAPPENED
LAST NIGHT...
IT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN
AGAIN.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE
IT ON THE SKY PATROL,
WHEN WE'RE CRAMMED
IN THAT WINGED BOX
THOUSANDS OF FEET
ABOVE THE GROUND.

I'M
STAYING
HERE TO GET
A HANDLE ON
MYSELF.

AND
I'M **NOT**
LEAVING
UNTIL I
DO.

Sonic-
*On the
Sidelines!*
*Can the Freedom
Fighters Handle
the Next Threat
Without
Him?*

UNTIL NEXT TIME, CHECK OUT
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FREEDOM FIGHTERS, ALLOW ME TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR NEW MOBILE BASE OF OPERATIONS...

...SKY PATROL!

WELL, BUTTER MY COTTONTAIL AND CALL ME A BISCUIT!

ROTOR WALRUS
ACTION ENGINEER

BUNNIE D'COOLETTE
SOUTHERN CYBORG

IT'S **INCREDIBLE**, ROTE'!

OUI, C'EST MAGNIFIQUE!

LET'S GET THIS TOUR GOIN', PAL! WHAT'S THIS THING GOT GOIN' ON? LASER BLASTERS? GRENADE LAUNCHERS?

EVEN BETTER.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
TURBO TITAN

MILES "TAILS" PROWER
AERODYNAMIC SIDEKICK

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE
SWASHBUCKLING SOLDIER

WELL, ALL RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO HEAR! LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

YOU GUYS HAVEN'T SEEN **ANYTHING** YET...

THE GRAND TOUR

*EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE THE EVENTS OF "WAVES OF CHANGE" (FOR THOSE OF YOU KEEPING SCORE).

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MEANWHILE,
ABOARD THE
DEATH EGG...

HMM...

DR. EGGMAN
ROUND TYRANT

WHATCHA
LOOKIN' AT
THERE,
BOSS-MAN?

CUBOT
MALFUNCTIONING
MINION

WHAT'S THE
MATTER, SIR? DID
YOU FORGET TO TURN
ON THE LIGHT... OR
DID YOU MEAN TO BE
SULKING ALONE, IN
THE DARK, MUTTERING
TO YOURSELF
LIKE A CRAZY
PERSON?

ORBOT
SASSY
SUBORDINATE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, YOU
GLITCHING GOONS, YOU CAUGHT
ME IN THE MIDDLE OF AN
EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION INTO
OUR ENEMIES' NEW FLYING
FORTRESS!

AND
...?

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS
ANOTHER CREATURE ALIVE WHO WAS
COMPETENT ENOUGH TO CREATE A
WEAPON CAPABLE OF SUCH MASS
DESTRUCTION. I'M **ALMOST**
IMPRESSED...

"...TOO BAD IT'S ABOUT TO GET BLOWN OUT OF THE SKY! HAHahaha!"

CHECK OUT THIS WATER PRESSURE! ARE YOU *KIDDING ME* RIGHT NOW?

UMMM ...COOL?

I MEAN ...COOL!

(NOT SURE I REMEMBER THAT BEING A PRIORITY WHEN WE BUILT THIS, BUT OKAY...)

WE'VE GOT A FULLY STOCKED MEDICAL BAY! WITH NINETEEN DIFFERENT KINDS OF TOPICAL OINTMENTS!

ZIS IS...VERY THOUGHTFUL, MON AMI.

OUR OWN ZEN GARDEN, SO WE CAN MEDITATE IN BETWEEN MISSIONS!

GREAT. IF THERE'S ANYTHING I LIKE MORE THAN SITTING STILL, IT'S BEING QUIET.

LISTEN, ROTOR...SKY PATROL IS COOL AND ALL, BUT I JUST FIGURED IT'D BE A LITTLE MORE...Y'KNOW...

WEE-OO! WEE-OO!

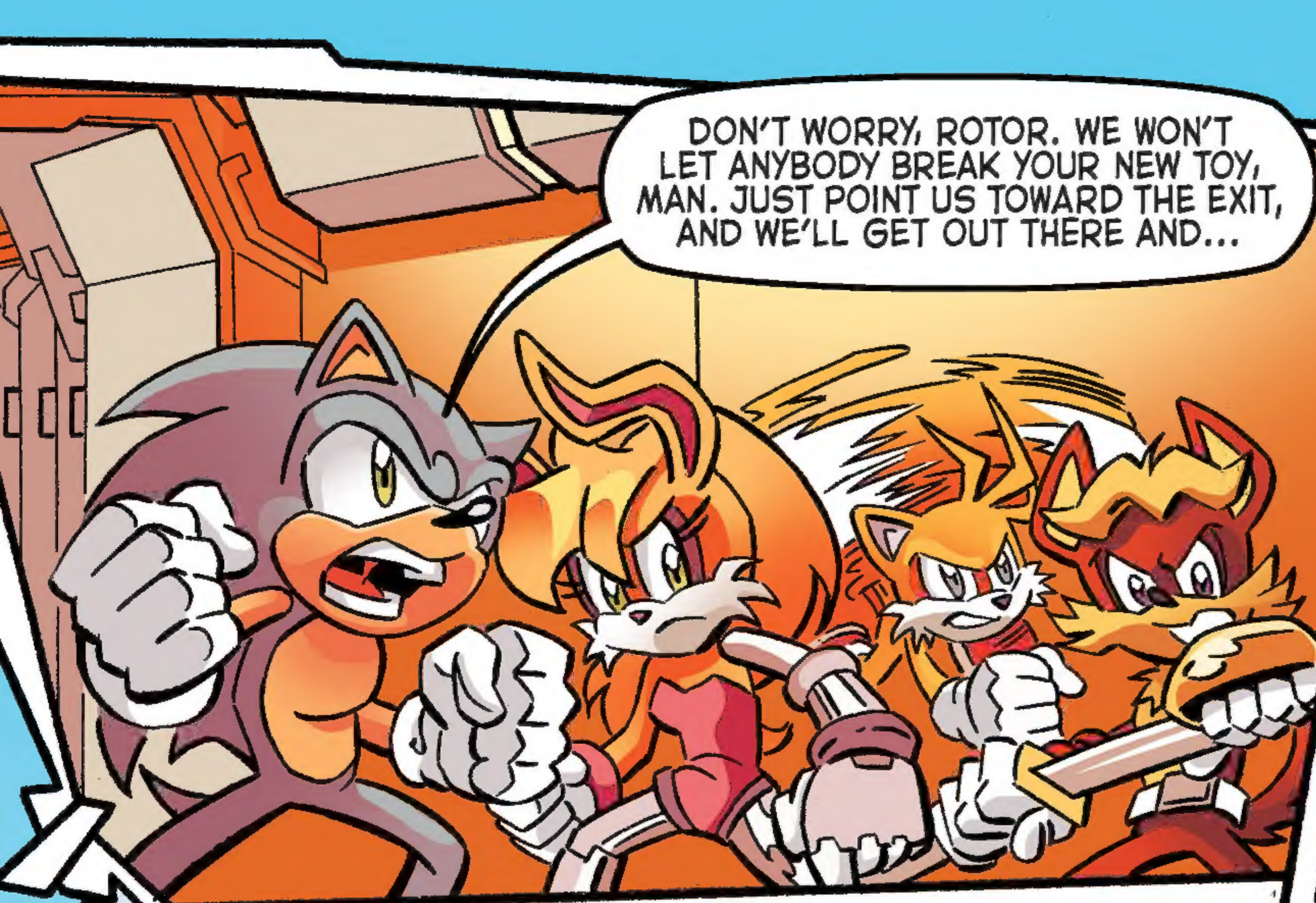
IT'S SKY PATROL'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS! THEY CLICK ON WHENEVER THEY SENSE A BADNIK'S TECH SIGNATURE. WE MUST BE UNDER ATTACK!

WHAT IS THAT?

WARNING! WARNING!

OH, THANK GOODNESS.

I KNOW, RIGHT? I WAS STARTING TO FALL ASLEEP...



DON'T WORRY, ROTOR. WE WON'T LET ANYBODY BREAK YOUR NEW TOY, MAN. JUST POINT US TOWARD THE EXIT, AND WE'LL GET OUT THERE AND...



IT'S COOL, I GOT THIS.



C'MON, YOU DIDN'T THINK I DIDN'T *ARM* THIS THING, DIDJA?!

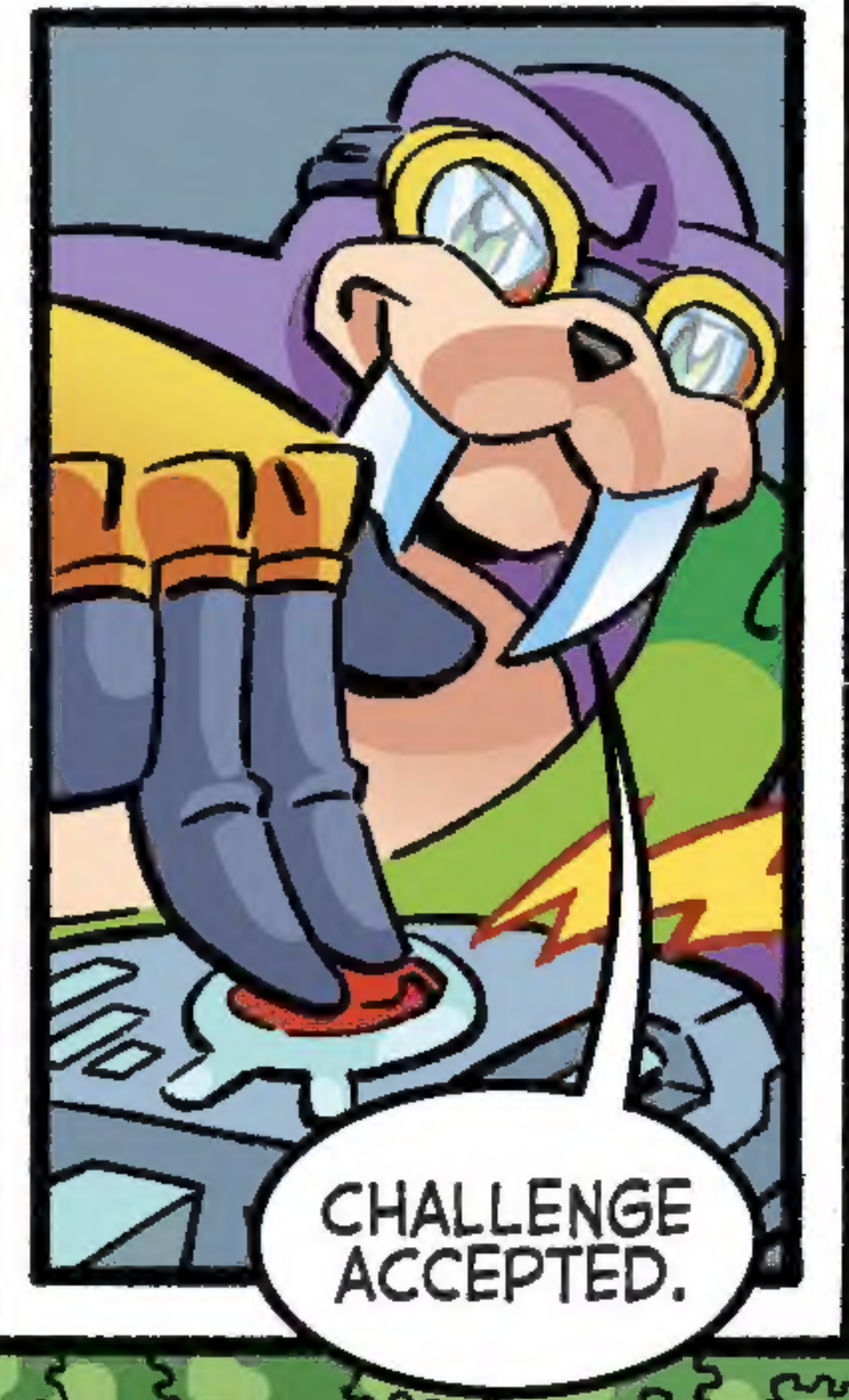
WHOA.

SERIOUSLY.



FREEDOM FIGHTERS, PREPARE TO MEET YOUR *DOOM* AT THE HANDS OF MY NEWEST BADNIK HORDE COMMANDER... THE *WAR WALRUS!*

ANYTHING YOUR PURPLE PAL CAN CREATE, MY METALLIC MECHANIC CAN DESTROY *TWICE* AS FAST!



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

**SKY PATROL:
WEAPONS SYSTEMS**

**VOLKAN
CANNON**

**ANTI-AIR
MISSILES**

LASER BLASTER

**PARTICLE
BEAM
CANNON**

**SONIC POWER
CANNON**

OMOCHAO GUN

GOODNESS
GRACIOUS,
SUGAH!

SERIOUSLY,
'ROTE. NEXT TIME,
LEAD WITH THE
GOOD STUFF.

≡BZZT≡

DOES. NOT.
COMPUTE.

YOU MEAN THE WEAPONS?
NAW, MAN--THAT STUFF'S
BORING. ANYBODY CAN
BUILD A WEAPON. EVEN
DR. EGGMAN. YOU SHOULD
SEE THE *COMIC BOOK*
AND *VIDEO GAME LIBRARY!*
NOW, THAT IS WORTH
GETTING EXCITED ABOUT!

THERE
THERE,
BOSS!

THEY
CAN'T
ALL BE
WINNERS,
SIR.

BAH! THERE'S NO NEED FOR
CONSOLATION, YOU FABRICATED
FOOLS! I WAS MERELY GAUGING MY
ENEMIES' DEFENSES. CLEARLY,
WALKING THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR
OF THEIR NEW "SKY PATROL" IS NOT
AN OPTION. I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE
A MORE *SUBTLE* APPROACH NEXT
TIME...

SLAM!

C-C-CREEPY.

YOWZA!

NOT THE END!



SONIC GRAMS

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Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
I'd just like to say that Ben Hunzeker and Tracy Yardley are an awesome team! Hunzeker's coloring really complements Yardley's pencils. I've never really taken into account how much the colors affect the pencils in the comics.

Oh yes! Tracy's pencil work speaks for itself, but adding color to an illustration can really push the overall piece further by adding another layer of depth and dimension! Ben has such a wonderful painterly quality about his colors that works really well with Tracy's art. Be on the look-out for Ben's colors on the next issue of Sonic the Hedgehog! And don't forget the awesome inks from our very own Terry Austin and Jim Amash!

Will Tyson Hesse be drawing any full issues? His cover work in issue 258 was awesome!

Joey E. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the question, Joey! Our boy Tyson has just pencilled two lead stories back to back! Sonic the Hedgehog #264 and the issue you hold in your hands right now, Sonic the Hedgehog #265! If you'd like to see more

of Tyson's awesome work be sure to let us know via e-mail, snail mail or on Twitter! Just use #SonicGrams in your shout out!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
I am one of Sonic's biggest fans and I have collected the Sonic Archives Graphic Novels since I was 7. I have a few questions I would like to ask.

You shall have the usual, my friend!

Are we going to see more of Silver?

*You will see more of our psychokinetic hedgehog pal in the very near future! Quite possibly in another book of UNIVERSAL proportions! Mwahahaha-*cough!* *ack!* *blargh!* ...haha!*

Second, how will Mighty be depicted when he comes back?

Take a look for yourself in this very issue! Although, seeing him through the Werehog's eyes may give you a false interpretation at times! Boy that was creepy!

Lastly will Sticks the Badger be a comic character?

Aiden P. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Aiden! Sticks will be prominently featured in our ALL-NEW Sonic Boom comic book series! The monthly adventures begin this October so be sure to call and reserve your copy at your local comic shop (ask a parent and dial 1-888-comic-book for a comic store nearest you!), or pre-order your subscription to catch all the Sticks the Badger action! You can find the subscription offer towards the beginning of this comic book! Plugplugplugplugplugplug!!!

Dear 'Sonic Grams,'
I'm wondering. Why have you been teasing us with Sonic's transformation!? Please let me know!

Emily T. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the quick comment, Emily! Well we wanted to keep our readers in suspense and anticipation! Looks like it paid off because we're in full-on Werehog mode now!

See y'all next time for an all-new story as Sonic tries to tame the beast within while the Freedom Fighters face troubles of their own in "Ambushed" part one!

COLLECTOR COVER SPOTLIGHT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #265



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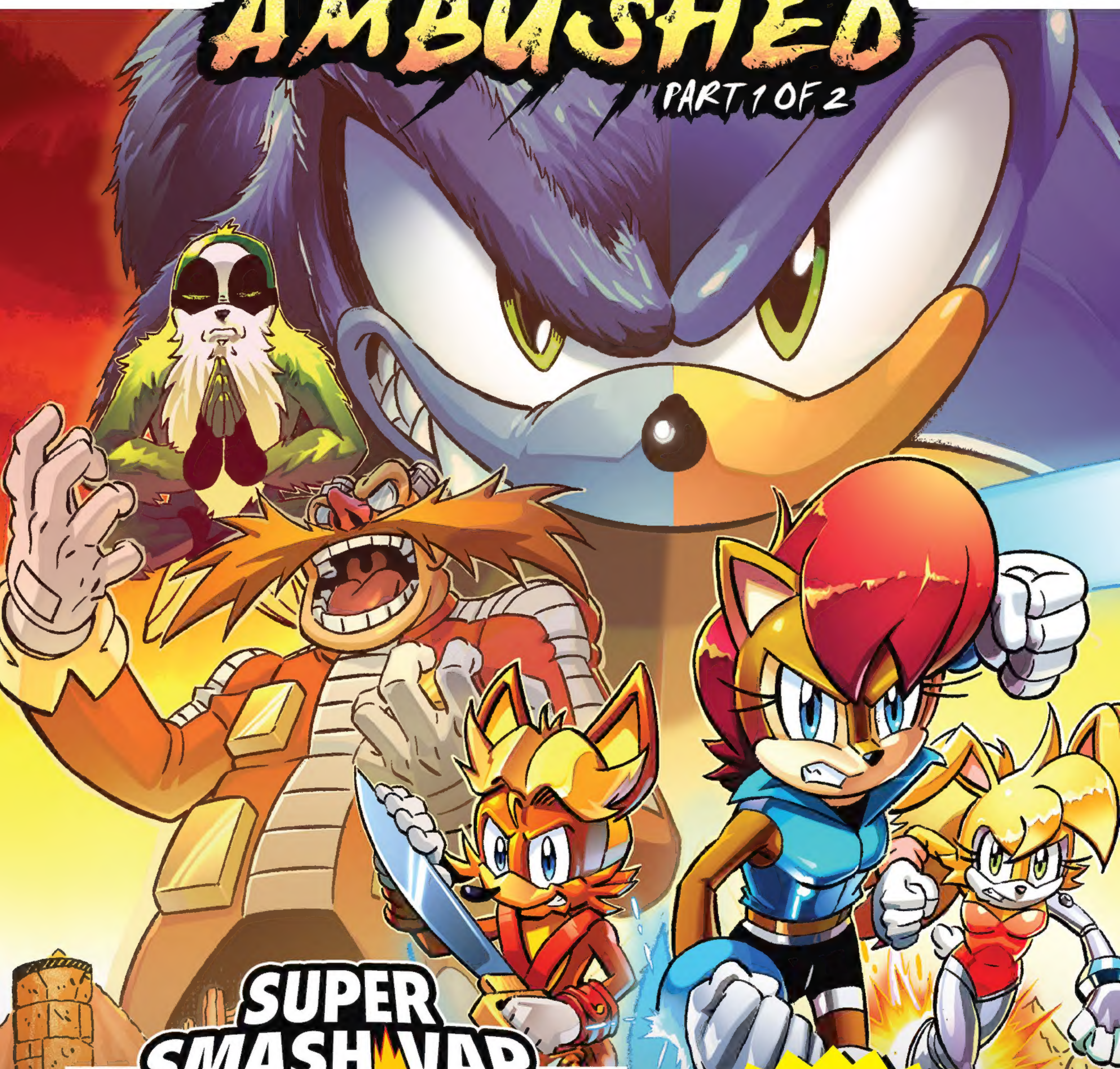
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